

SENATE RESOLUTION 135
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Frank Hicks, Jr. of
Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Frank "Billy" Hicks, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Billy Hicks was a friend to all and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks served with acumen and great energy as President and Chief Executive Officer of Hicks Convention Services and Special Events, in which position he earned the admiration of his clients and the respect of his peers for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Billy Hicks loved helping people although he sought no recognition for it; in December, he organized a New Orleans parade in honor of the University of Memphis football team's first bowl appearance in more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks was an active and devout member of the Trafalgar Village Baptist Church; and he donated much of his time and money to numerous nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Billy Hicks served as Chairman of the Board of the Memphis Cancer Foundation and the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau, was Assistant Rabban of Al Chymia Shrine Center, and was a chief barker of Variety Children's Charities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks' oncologist, Dr. Kirby Smith, President of the Memphis Cancer Center, recalled that Mr. Hicks worked to help people even while undergoing treatment; he helped encourage other patients and employees and, "He was attracted to people, he sensed their needs. He was just amazing."; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Billy Hicks enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 37 years, Jackie Hicks, and was the proud father of daughter Tammy Bailey, sons Billy Hicks, III and Richard Hicks, and the doting grandfather of three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and family, he will be sorely missed by his sister, Francis Potter, his brother, Glen Hicks, and a host of friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional Memphian, Tennessean, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Frank "Billy" Hicks, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his joy in life, his impeccable character, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Hicks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.